

CITY OF MUSKEGON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES

February 2, 2016

Chairperson J. Hilt called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and roll was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Hilt, S. Kroes, L. Wood, A. Riegler, S. Radtke

MEMBERS ABSENT: K. Panozzo, D. Warren

STAFF PRESENT: M. Franzak, D. Renkenberger

OTHERS PRESENT: W. Barnhart, MSI Construction, 4420 W Bard Rd, Whitehall

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 5, 2016 was made by L. Wood, supported by J. Hilt and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Case 2016-02 – 621 W Western Avenue. Applicant: Muskegon Eagles. District: Clay-Western. Current Function: Recreational. This case was tabled from the January meeting, as the board needed more information before making a decision. The applicant is seeking approval to replace the metal and glass entry door to the bowling alley on Western Ave. They are also proposing modifications to the entryway including removal of the sidelights and transom windows around the door, and replacement of those with vinyl siding, similar to the door located to the right of the main door shown in photos provided. Staff does not recommend approval of the door and entryway replacement as proposed, as it does not meet the Historic District Commission Standards.

W. Barnhart stated that the Eagles wished to replace the entry door, as the metal was rusting and it was an eyesore. They proposed to eliminate the sidelights and replace them with brown board and batten siding, to match the other entryway. The replacement glass in the door would be half-view, not full-view. He stated that the elimination of the glass in and around the door would alleviate some security concerns. Board members discussed project details with the applicant. A. Riegler was concerned that the proposed changes did not meet HDC standards. S. Radtke stated that the configuration of the door and windows should remain the same. J. Hilt explained the board's concerns to W. Barnhart. He stated that he would go back and work with the people at the Eagles to come up with an acceptable proposal. A. Riegler suggested that he look at the other historic buildings downtown for ideas, and asked that he submit a drawing of the proposed new entryway when he returned before the board.

A motion to table this case until the March meeting to have the applicant submit a new proposal that met HDC standards, was made by J. Hilt, supported by S. Radtke and unanimously approved, with J. Hilt, S. Kroes, L. Wood, A. Riegler, and S. Radtke voting aye.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Legislation regarding Historic District Commissions. Board members and staff discussed pending legislation to eliminate historic district commissions in Michigan. S. Radtke stated that he had been in Lansing earlier in the day to oppose the measure.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.